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The end of the series

It has now been decided to discontinue the First Series of Building Research Station Digests. Many of these have already been superseded by subsequent issues in the Second Series; others described techniques which though new or little known at the original date of publication, have since become more widely known and, in some instances, are more fully described elsewhere. The remainder are now at least eight years old.

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